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1. By the end of September 1953, some of the Russian "experts" left Czechoslovakia. They were the high-level experts who were attached mostly to ministries as advisers to the ministers. Chief among them was Goliev (fnu), who was with the Ministry of Finance, where only the highest official had access to him. He used to take part in the so-called consultations among colleagues (kolegialni porady), where he very frequently interposed his opinions. He has now left with the others.¹
2. This does not mean an end of Russian interference with Czechoslovak economic affairs. All the industrial "experts" have remained with the plants, as well as the financial advisers of the Regional National Committees. Apart from this, no ministry dares take a decision without previous consultation with the Soviet Ambassador in Prague, if the matter has even the faintest bearing on Czech-Russian relations.

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one of the special tasks of the Russian ministerial advisers was to see the currency reform through.

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